

COLONIAL REGIONAL LOCAL HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

January 19, 2012

Members Present: Dr. Charles Ponquinette, Chair, Joe Winborne, Committee Member

Members Absent: Cheryl Westray, Secretary, Dr. Artara Bradley, Committee Member
Paul S. Thourogood, Vice Chair

Others Present: Reginald Daye, Human Rights Regional Advocate

Potential Affiliate: None

Affiliates Present: Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc., Family Maintenance Counseling Group, Independent Perspectives, Lyle Professional Counseling, Martha's Place, New Season Clinical Services, Therapeutic Interventions, Inc., Thoroughgood House, VABODE, Youth Intervention services, LEVOC Family Services, Community Behavior Support, Virginia Supportive Housing

Affiliates Absent: Strong Foundation Youth Initiative – Tidewater

1. Call To Order

The Colonial Regional Local Human Rights Committee was called to order at 5:45 p.m. January 19th 2012, by Dr. Charles Ponquinette; for the purpose of hearing business pertaining to the agenda, transactions, or other matters that may be presented to the committee. There was not a quorum therefore the committee is unable to take formal action. In accordance with the bylaws and approval of the full LHRC, the Chair decided to function as a two member subcommittee. The LHRC will look to reschedule the regular quarterly meeting in order to take formal action on the recommendations of the sub-committee and to approve all pending minutes.

2. Review and Approval of Agenda

January 19, 2012 Agenda was reviewed and no amendments were made.

Action: THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WERE DEFERRED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM.

3. Review and Approval of Minutes

Minutes for the regular session on Oct 20, 2011 were reviewed and no changes were made.

Action: THE APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES WERE DEFERRED DUE TO THE LACK OF A QUORUM.

4. Announcements

None

5. Public Comment

None

6. Human Rights Advocate Comments – Mr. Daye reminded all affiliates that their quarterly and annual reports must be mailed to the committee members as well as copied to his office via fax or hard copy mail at least 2 weeks in advance of each meeting. These reports are not to be emailed to his office.

Mr. Daye reminded all affiliates to file their 2011 annual seclusion and restraint reports as they were due on 1/15/2012 and the DBHDS-Quality Assurance Office. This is a human rights regulatory requirement. Failure to do so could result in a citation.

Mr. Daye went over the previously discussed new process for seeking expansion of an already affiliated program as well as the addition of new programs. All affiliates were urged to go to the DBHDS web site and review the memo to all providers outlining this process.

7. Old Business

None

8. New Business

A. Therapeutic Interventions – Outpatient Services.

Therapeutic Interventions formally requested the addition of Outpatient services to their affiliation certifying that this program would operate under their already approved policy procedures, behavior management policies, and program rules.

Action: Motion made by Joe Winborne to recommend approval of the request for LHRC affiliation of the new service to the full committee.

Second: Dr. Charles Ponquinette

Vote: Unanimous

9. Reports of Incidents/Complaints

***All providers noted below went over their 4th quarter and annual 2011 reports during the meeting:**

A. Alpha Counsellors Service, Inc. - Reports no incidents/complaints

B. Family Maintenance Counseling Group - Reports no incidents/complaints

C. Independent Perspectives – 1 complaint

D. Community Behavior Support – Reports no incidents/complaints

E. Lyle Professional Counseling - Reports no incidents/complaints

F. Martha's Place - Reports no incidents/ 1 complaints

G. New Season Clinical Services - Reports no incidents/complaints

H. Strong Foundation Youth Initiative – Absent

- I. Therapeutic Interventions, Inc. – Reports no incidents/complaints
- J. Thoroughgood House – 1 complaint
- K. VABODE - Reports no incidents/2 complaints
- L. Virginia Supportive Housing – Reports no incidents/complaints
- M. Youth and Family Counseling – 1 complaint
- N. LEVOC – 2 complaints

10. Next meetings scheduled for: 1/19/2012, 4/19/2012, 7/19/2012, 10/18/2012

11. Closed Session – The committee voted to go into closed session per VA Code 2.2-3711(A), for the purposes of hearing information pertaining to the complaints/allegations against LEVOC, Youth and Family counseling, Thoroughgood House, and Independent Perspectives.

The Committee voted to come out of closed session and each committee member certified that the only information discussed was the complaints/allegation against LEVOC, Youth and Family counseling, Thoroughgood House, and Independent Perspectives

There were no recommendations.

12. Adjournment: The subcommittee meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Action: Motion made by Joe Winborne to adjourn the meeting

Second: Dr. Charles Ponquinette

Vote: Unanimous